GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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KAR VIVAD SAMADHAN SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kar Vivad Samadhan Scheme (KVSS) failed to realize its objectiveof declogging tax administration and raising revenue of fiscal significance;

(b) if so, whether the 21,134 arrears cases are pending involving an amount of Rs.3205 crore as on September 1, 1999 under 22 Commissionerates;

(c) if so, the number of cases settled and the amount realized under KVSS;

(d) the reasons for its failure; and

(e) the steps are being taken to make the scheme more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e): No Sir. The Kar Vivad Samadhan Scheme attained a reasonable degree ofsuccess in realizing its objective of declogging tax administration and raising revenues which is evident from collection of taxes amounting to Rs. 738.74 crores and settlement of 33,918 disputes under the direct tax enactments and similarly, collection of taxes amounting to Rs 643.80 crores and settlement of 11,159 disputes under the indirect tax enactments pending before different adjudicating/appellate authorities or courts. In all, over 45,000 disputes were settled under the scheme both under the direct tax enactments and indirect tax enactments. The Scheme was announced in the Budget 1998 and was in operation for a limited period from 1.9.1998 to 31.1.1999 only.